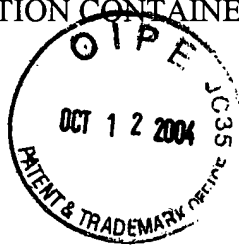


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Robert Thomas Hudak Art Unit : 1641
 Serial No. : 09/915,494 Examiner : Gary W. Counts
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 Title : SPECIMEN COLLECTION CONTAINER

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First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims						\$0

Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for a 2 month extension of time.

Request for Continuation (RCE)	\$215
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Respectfully submitted,

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